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First session

Summary record of the 2nd meeting

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President: Mr. Heller ..... (Mexico)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

1. **The President** drawing attention to rules 7 and 8 of the rules of procedure (CRPD/CSP/2008/3) said that rule 7 provided that the credentials of the representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be submitted to the Secretary-General, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference and that such credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The content of that rule had been communicated in his note of 9 October 2008, to States parties, by the Secretary-General, but some States parties represented at the Conference had not yet submitted proper credentials. He suggested that, in accordance with rule 8, the representatives of those States parties should be entitled to participate provisionally. While, at the same time, urged them to submit their credentials as soon as possible.

2. *It was so decided.*

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3. **The President** drew attention to the particulars of candidates nominated by States parties, which were contained in documents CRPD/CSP/2008/1 and Add.1 and noted that as indicated in the latter, one candidate, Ms. Ana María Liévano de Sol, of El Salvador, had been withdrawn. He also drew attention to the election procedure and other relevant provisions set out in article 34 of the Convention.

4. He invited representatives to elect the 12 members of the Committee by secret ballot.

5. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Heissel (Austria) and Mr. Yadav (India) acted as tellers.*

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 4.25 p.m.

6. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	41
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	41
Abstentions:	none
Number of representatives voting:	41
Required majority:	21
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Choudhuri (Bangladesh)	27
Ms. Al Suweidi (Qatar)	26
Mr. Könczei (Hungary)	25
Ms. Peláez Narváez (Spain)	24
Mr. Uršič (Slovenia)	24
Ms. Jia Yang (China)	24
Mr. Al-Tarawneh (Jordan)	23
Mr. McCallum (Australia)	23
Ms. Cisternas Reyes (Chile)	22
Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador)	22
Mr. Ben Lallohom (Tunisia)	21
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	20
Mr. Buntan (Thailand)	20
Ms. Maina (Kenya)	20
Mr. Diop (Guinea)	18
Mr. Fretes Portillo (Paraguay)	17
Mr. Campos Labrador (Panama)	16
Mr. Moodley (South Africa)	16
Ms. Roberts-Risden (Jamaica)	14
Mr. Lee (Philippines)	13
Mr. Marques da Fonseca (Brazil)	12
Mr. Portalanza Güere (Peru)	12
Mr. Konate (Mali)	11

7. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Mr. Choudhuri (Bangladesh), Ms. Al Suweidi (Qatar), Mr. Könczei (Hungary), Ms. Peláez Narváez (Spain), Mr. Uršič (Slovenia), Ms. Jia Yang (China), Mr. Al-Tarawneh (Jordan), Mr. McCallum (Australia), Ms. Cisternas Reyes (Chile), Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador) and Mr. Ben Lallohom (Tunisia) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

8. The President said that, as one vacancy remained to be filled, a second round of voting would be held, restricted to the three candidates who had received the highest number of votes while not obtaining the required majority.

9. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Mr. Heissel (Australia) and Mr. Yadav (India) acted as tellers.*

The meeting was suspended at 4.40 p.m. and resumed at 4.55 p.m.

10. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	41
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	41
Abstentions:	none

Number of representatives voting:	41
Required majority:	21
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Maina (Kenya)	17
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	14
Mr. Buntan (Thailand)	10

11. **The President** said that as no candidate had received the required majority, a third round of voting would be held, restricted to the two candidates who had received the highest number of votes.

12. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Mr. Heissel (Australia) and Mr. Yadav (India) acted as tellers.*

The meeting was suspended at 5 p.m. and resumed at 5.15 p.m.

13. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	41
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	41
Abstentions:	none
Number of representatives voting:	41
Required majority:	21
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Maina (Kenya)	24
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	17

14. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Maina (Kenya) was elected a member of the Committee.*

15. *The Conference decided by the drawing of lots, in accordance with article 34, paragraph 9, of the Convention, that Mr. Ben Lallohom (Tunisia), Mr. Könczei (Hungary), Mr. McCallum (Australia), Ms. Maina (Kenya), Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador) and Mr. Uršič (Slovenia) would serve for a two-year term.*

16. **The President** suggested that the terms of office of the members of the Committee should begin on 1 January 2009.

17. *It was so decided.*

Other matters

18. **The President** suggested that the second session should be held in August 2009.

19. **Mr. Abdelaziz** (Egypt) said that it would be more convenient for Member States if the session were scheduled immediately prior to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

20. **The President** suggested that consultations on the question should continue.

21. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

22. **The President** declared the first session of the Conference of States Parties closed.

The meeting rose at 5.25 p.m.